

The Plainwell manufacturing company's buildings were destroyed by

James Tripp, of Coldwater, has invented a cotton-picking machine that

The friends of Orin H. Ormsby, of Perry, who has been missing since Oct. 1, have gone to Chessaning to see if he is wild man prowling in the woods that vicinity.

five men at Pike station on the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, Ohio, lived well without any apparent means of support, was suspected of a plot to rob a hardware store Wednesday.

Mr. Wm. Tobey, of Climax, informs that A. J. Hardon, a young man at work for him, husked for him on Tuesday, Oct. 31st, one hundred and twenty-eight bushels of corn in eleven days! He took down his shocks and his stalks. If any one can beat let him come to the front.—[Kalamazoo.]

the Eastern Asylum for the Insane, Pontiac, is fast approaching completion. The gas-fitting is complete, and the steam apparatus is getting into place. The water supply is assured by the 60-foot well, which is supplied by an artesian well of 28,000 feet on power, and six immense cisterns. The question of sewerage still perplexes the authorities.

side of a door at Pointe aux Peaux, at 5 feet from the floor, is the body mouse with its feet nicely bound gossamer web, indicating that it been captured while alive and tied revent struggling. The most remarkable thing is the ingenuity in lift-to such an elevation a weight so much greater than its own. After carefully fastening the mouse, it was suided by a thread reaching about

...um, the body was swung a few feet to the side, which raised it a few feet; here it was fastened until a new supporting line in a vertical position could be adjusted, when it was swung in the other direction, and this process was continued until the mouse was dead.

The Senate Tuesday confirmed Wm. Leach, of Minnesota, commissioner of agriculture.

ing in advance for desks in the chamber, in order to obtain a more ad-  
equate one than they occupy, and  
to become vacant. On Tuesday  
Ransom, of South Carolina, went  
through the melancholy form of ap-  
plying for Morton's seat. But Ben  
has capped the climax for audaci-  
ty. He has applied for Conkling's  
seat, which he expects will become va-  
cant at any rate in two years.

Mr. Burnside has a bill providing that the regiments which are distinct-composed of colored men in the United States army shall remain so no more, but that colored recruits should be scattered throughout the service with white men. The idea is that colored troops are not usually competent to take care of themselves; while, if distributed throughout the army, they might be useful as cooks, teamsters, etc., in

**A Terrible Indian-Killer.**

The man who has been in the Black and returned is a big gun at the drug store, and feels called upon to tell the truth when narrating his adventures. Such a man, named Curt, telling, the other night, how many

After he had talked half an hour, one of the listeners, who had kept track of number killed, exhibited the figure. "I find," he exclaimed, "that we have killed 1,500 savages in three months!"

"Is that all?" exclaimed the unabashed Black-Hiller; "why, I believe you are left out a week's work there somewhere."

Well, the truth is, gentlemen, I was full of raining my left eye. I'd panted along my gun-barrel so much that my face was being drawn all out of shape, and the sight was so far gone that I had to be led out by a dog." And you killed Indians while in a condition?"

I did; though I've always felt a little mean about it. I couldn't see to

ked 'em to death. It wasn't manly  
me, and I want to ask the forgive-  
of you gentlemen, right here and  
!"

There was a long spell of appalling  
ence and then some one said that

**Democratic Efforts to Raise the Wind.**

"beating the bush" in desperate  
 tion for funds with which to carry  
 election. A few days ago a circu-  
 was issued by Augustus Schell, as  
 chairman of the State Central Commit-  
 to all notaries public, Republicans

contribute \$25, the alternative being a loss of the privilege. Many of these circulars are now being returned with flat refusals to comply, and the prospects for a rich harvest from this area are extremely slim. This promotion of the Cuckoo-birds' song has

and furnishes good capital for  
Republicans.

of butter, one teaspoonful soda, dissolved in a little hot water; two teaspoonful cream tartar, sifted through the flour; a little salt; enough milk to make the flour into a soft dough; roll out the paste less than half an inch thick, cut it in squares and place in

red; bring the corners together; place each dumpling in a small, square, lined cloth; tie the top, leaving room enough to swell; boil fifty minutes.

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